

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the above-referenced patent application. The drawings and claims 1-12 have been amended, and no claims have been added or canceled. It is noted that the foregoing amendments were not made in response to any prior art. These changes were made to correct minor grammatical and typographical errors in the claims and to make it more clear what the claims do and do not cover.

In the Office Action, dated January 12th, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 1-12; objected to the drawings; and objected to claims 10-12 for various informalities.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings. Assignee has provided replacement sheets for Figures 2, 2A, 3 and 3A. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the objections to the Drawings.

The Examiner has objected to claims 10-12 for various informalities. Assignee has amended claims 10-12, and Assignee believes the amendments obviate the objection. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the objections to claims 10-12.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance are hereby acknowledged by Assignee. Assignee agrees that the claimed subject matter is patentably distinct from the documents cited by the Examiner; however, Assignee takes no position regarding the reasons for allowance presented by the Examiner, other than the positions Assignee may have previously taken during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application. Therefore, the Examiner's reasons for allowance should not be attributed to Assignee as an indication of the basis for Assignee's belief that the claims are patentably distinct. Furthermore, it is respectfully asserted that there may also be additional reasons for patentability of the claimed subject matter not explicitly stated in this record. While in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), a failure by the Assignee to disagree with the Examiner, or file more detailed comments, does not give rise to any implication that the Assignee agrees with or acquiesces in the reasoning of the Examiner, here, by this document, Assignee is expressly making clear that no such agreement or acquiesce is present.

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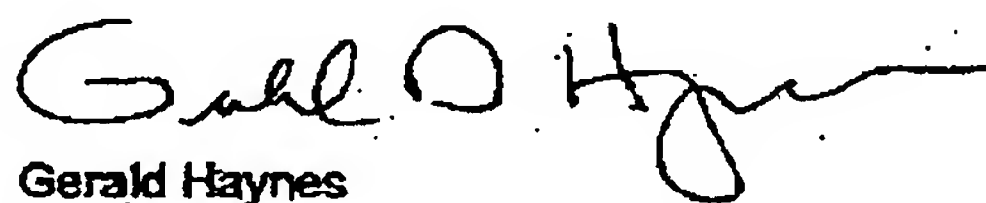
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending in this patent application, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 640-6475. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges of any fees required for this submission to Deposit Account number 50-3130.

Respectfully submitted,


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